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Tim,

I have attached the briefing paper regarding the grazing allotment issue for Gold Butte National Monument. Tim Burke also sent this briefing paper to the Arizona State Director.

Thanks,
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Arizona Strip District



Map of the Arizona Strip District showing its location within the state of Arizona. The map highlights the district's boundaries and shows major cities like St. George, Mesquite, Kanab, and Page. A legend indicates the location within the Arizona Strip District.

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE NEVADA STATE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 29, 2017

THROUGH: Tim Smith, District Manager, Southern Nevada District Office

FROM: Lee Kirk, Acting Monument Manager, Gold Butte National Monument

SUBJECT: Grazing Allotments in Gold Butte National Monument

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memo is to provide a status of the grazing allotments administered by the Arizona Strip District within the Gold Butte National Monument (GBNM) and Southern Nevada District Office's (SNDO) recommendation for addressing the issue.

II. BACKGROUND

Below is a brief description of the status of the grazing allotments administered by the Arizona Strip District that are wholly, or in part, located within the GBNM:

Tassi Allotment

The majority of this allotment is within Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in Arizona. The rest of the allotment is in the GBNM. The Grand Canyon-Parashant Resource Management Plan (RMP) (2008) designated the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered portion of the allotment as unavailable for grazing (not closed).

Mosby-Nay Allotment

The majority (over 90 percent) of this allotment is within Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in Arizona. The RMP (2008) designated the portion of the Mosby-Nay Allotment in Nevada as unavailable (not closed) for grazing. The majority of the allotment in Arizona is available for grazing.

Lime Spring Allotment

This allotment is entirely within the GBNM (and livestock grazing is administered by the AZ Strip District, through agreement with the SNDO). This allotment is designated as available for livestock grazing in the AZ Strip Field Office RMP (2008). This allotment is currently listed as an ephemeral allotment and as such does not have a term permit. It is authorized for grazing on a year-by-year basis when monitoring shows there is sufficient forage available. The allotment was authorized for grazing in 2016, and will likely have an application to graze in 2017.

Mesquite Community Allotment

A portion of two separate pastures of this allotment are within Gold Butte National Monument. The allotment is designated as available for grazing in the AZ Strip Field Office RMP (2008). The current grazing permit will expire on 12/12/2020.

III. POSITIONS OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The Gold Butte National Monument proclamation states the following regarding livestock grazing: “Livestock grazing has not been permitted in the monument area since 1998 and the Secretary shall not issue any new grazing permits or leases on lands within the monument.”

This could affect the current livestock grazing permit holders who may apply for renewals of their existing permits or apply for the ephemeral allotment grazing permit.

A field trip to the Lime Spring Allotment was conducted on May 11, 2017, which included the Grand Canyon-Parashant Monument Manager, Vermilion Cliffs Monument Manager, Arizona Strip Field Office Manager and Rangeland Management Specialist, and the Gold Butte Acting Monument Manager. During the field trip, it was discussed and agreed that there was an oversight regarding livestock grazing in the Gold Butte Proclamation because there are active grazing allotments that are administered by Arizona Strip District within the GBNM. The group recommended the following options be considered to address the concerns:

1. Clarify the Presidential Proclamation language or adjust the Monument boundary to:
 - a. Allow for the mentioned administered Arizona Strip District grazing allotments to remain available for grazing. The allotments have been authorized in the monument since 1998 (SNDO preferred option).
 - b. Adjust the GBNM boundary to exclude grazing pastures/allotments currently permitted or not closed in perpetuity – this would therefore be consistent with the language of the Presidential Proclamation.
 - c. Adjust the boundary of GBNM to exclude those areas listed in “a” above, and add them to Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, which would also be consistent with the language of the Presidential Proclamation.
2. Consult with Solicitors to discuss (b) (5) DPP [REDACTED]
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3. Forward these issues to the Department of the Interior to be addressed in the current review of National Monuments.

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